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The expression "insulin sensitiser" encompasses an extremely large number of compounds which might have this characteristic. However, the description only provides support for pioglitazone. Consequently, the requirements of Art. 6 PCT are not met, and a complete search is not possible. The search had to be limited to the general concept of insulin sensitisers and to pioglitazone. During the search for the general concept some documents were retrieved which referred to other specific compounds mentioned in claim 3. However, these compounds were not specifically searched.

The medical indications of claims 19 or 22 were not specifically searched either. They were considered to form unity with the treatment of keto-acidosis in so far as all of these diseases are related to diabetes. The use of the compounds of the invention for the treatment of diabetes and all its related diseases is well known. Consequently all the potentially different inventions listed in claims 19 or 22 can be considered to be fully covered by the documents cited in the Search Report. It was not deemed necessary to raise an objection of lack of unity.

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